1987 on the terms and conditions indicated below:

1. Issue Price	: At par
2. Rate of Interest	: 11% per annum payable half yearly.
3. Currency	: 15 years.
4. Date of Maturity	: 23rd September, 2002.

Teargassing of Punjab Migrants

349. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the police resorted to teargassing in order to disperse a group of migrants from Punjab outside the residence of the Home Minister; and

(b) what were the main demands of the migrants and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The Police used tear gas on 5-9-87 outside the residence of the Union Home Minister to disperse a group of migrants when they got into a riotous mood and broke down the barricades. Tear gas was used only after repeated warnings had no effect.

Their main demands included declaring migrants from Punjab as genuine, regular payment of their monthly allowances in their respective camps, provision of better sanitation and other civic facilities; etc.

According to Delhi Administration, they declare a migrant family genuine or non-genuine on the basis of verification report received from Govt. of Punjab. As it is not safe to carry large amount in cash to various camps, the payment is made at Tis Hazari Court, Shahdara Court, Patiala House Court and the Court of SDM (South). Adequate Civic facilities are being provided to the migrants staying in official camps.

Talks with GNLF

350. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the reaction of Government on the various points raised in the letter dated 22nd October, 1987 addressed by Shri Subhash Ghising, President Gorkha National Liberation Front to the Union Home Minister; and

(b) what has been the progress in the discussions held subsequently between the GNLF delegation and Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) In the discussions held on October 22nd, 24th and 28th 1987 with the GNLF leadership, the Central Government has reiterated its stand that the matter needs to be resolved in consultation with the State Government of West Bengal. The discussions are to continue.

Marine Products

351. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to recognise the production of marine products as an industry in view of the large quantum of foreign exchange being earned by the country by exporting marine products;

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) A proposal has been received in the Ministry of Agriculture for recognition of deepsea fishing as an industry. So far, no decision has been taken.